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For: **Analytical Method Using Particles and Test Kit for Performing the Method**

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Mail Stop CPA
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Dear Sir:

Prior to first action by the Examiner in the present Continued Prosecution Application, please amend the present application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 42-83 to read as follows:

42. (Amended) A method for use in a flow matrix, which utilizes biospecific affinity reactions to detect an analyte in a sample, and which comprises:

i. allowing the sample comprising the analyte and an analytically detectable reactant (Reactant*) to migrate through flow channels in a flow matrix to a detection zone (DZ) located in the matrix, in which there is a firmly anchored biospecific affinity reactant (Capturer), and